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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: CARBON MONOXIDE OXIDATION

CATALYST, METHOD FOR PREPARATION OF CARBON

MONOXIDE OXIDATION CATALYST AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF **HYDROGEN-CONTAINING GAS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

3. (Amended) The CO oxidation catalyst as claimed in claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of titania to alumina falls between 0.1/99.9 and 90/10.

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